



the CHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER

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September 1995

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:

The news gets worse everyday with this session of Congress. In the Appropriations Committee, Indian programs have been reduced by \$422 million, which equals 26% of the budget. Every attempt has been made to at least restore funding to the current level, but these means have been exhausted and Congress won't listen. They are determined to balance the budget in five to seven years with detrimental cuts to everyone. You may have heard, read or seen on television the protesting by Indians in Washington, D.C. last week. This week, Sept 18, another attack on tribes was taken in the Ways and Means Committee. A federal tax in the amount of 34% of net profits is being proposed on Indian Class II and Class III gaming operations. We spent the day Monday and Tuesday writing and faxing letters to Congressmen on the Committee to inform them that this was an attack on our sovereignty and it would drastically reduce tribal government since we have to make up for

the great shortfalls in the federal programs that is coming next year. Again, to no avail, we were not heard and on Tuesday night it passed out of the Committee to go to the house floor by a vote of 25 to 10. This clearly represents that the House of Representatives will pass this measure and send it to the Senate. We are now focused on trying to stop it in the Senate. As we explained to everyone, we're not objective to paying our "fair share" to balance the budget, however, it should be done in an equitable manner. If gaming is going to be taxed, then let's tax other forms of gaming. State lotteries are not taxed because states are considered sovereign (as we are sovereign also). This tax would be detrimental since taxes are being paid on per capita payments, the management fee is taxed and payable taxes run extremely high. Jobs that have been created by Indian gaming has taken a lot of people off of welfare and social programs. Without Indian gaming, some gaming employees would probably otherwise have to return to welfare and social programs, causing an "increase" in the federal tax burden once again. The comments in

Washington are that the Indians don't have enough votes to make a difference. It seems that the only thing left on our side is the public which we plan to do a campaign with to add to our votes and send a message to Congress. I cannot emphasize enough the fact that we need to turn out in elections.

Senior/Youth Center

On September 18, the senior/youth center was officially opened. Seafood gumbo cooked by Al LeBlanc was served along with potato salad made by Vicky and Mary Ann. Since many community members attended, a survey was handed out in regards to what people felt about our school and what they thought other needs are.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for doing a great job of keeping our reservation clean. We provide many tours for dignitaries that come through and they are really impressed by our community. Once again, thanks for doing a great job.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH!!!

News from the
Chitimacha P.D.
By: Fred Roy

To date, for the month of September, 1995, officers issued fourteen citations and logged five arrests on the following charges, four for disturbing the peace intoxicated and one DWI fourth offense.

We would like to welcome to the department Dispatcher Roselyn Bobbitt. Rosie began her employment on September 4, 1995, and after two weeks of training with TAC Officer, Sara LaBiche, she's ready to go on her own. Glad to have her as part of the team!

Over the Labor Day Weekend all officers, assisted by reserve officer Johnny Burgess, worked overtime hours to wind up the end of the 1995 Summertime Holidays Safe and Sober Campaign. A total of seventeen citations were issued including six warning violations for not wearing a safety belt.

On August 26, 1995, Officer Mike Pontiff held a meeting with the Chitimacha Junior Police Officers. The topic of discussion was the use and safety of three and four

wheelers, dirt bikes, go-carts, etc. on public roadways. It was explained to the children that both state and tribal laws does not allow these vehicles to operate on roadways unless certain requirements are met. The children also discussed their summer vacations, enrollment for new members, assistance with homework after school, and ideas and plans for future events.

At the request of Chief of Police, Fred Roy, U.S. Congressman Billy Tauzin, has sent a U.S. flag to the department. This flag flew over the White House in Washington D.C. and at a later date members of the Chitimacha Junior Police will present it to the Chitimacha/Charenton Volunteer Fire Department to be flown on their flag pole.

The police department is interested in hosting a class on gangs. This class will focus on educating both parents and children about gang activity and the consequences of being involved in gangs or associating with gang members. Due to the recent evidence of gang activity in the community, it is very important that parents attend this class with their children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL THE
DEPARTMENT AT 923-4964.

Education Highlights
By: Diane M. Hearn
Education Administrator

Good news to report this month:

Our G.E.D. Program has begun at the Chitimacha Tribal School. We are proud of all our participants and invite others to take the very important step. You may register at the school on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and start classes that same night, or you may register during the day with Ardith Soprano, who is located at the Health Building. Ms. Yvonne Comier is the G.E.D. teacher and she is here to assist you toward the goal of getting your G.E.D.

More good news!!!

The Chitimacha Tribe will soon begin the expansion and enhancement of the services and resources available within the Chitimacha Tribal School Library. This is being made possible by a grant recently awarded the Tribe from the U.S. Department of Education and by provisions made by the Tribe. The present, small school library will be transformed into a "Media Center" which will employ a full-time Media Specialist and provide a state-of-the-art

computer network system complete with laser disc instruction, software, and access to libraries and communities areound the world through the Internet. The Media Specialist will instruct in the use of and supervise Email and Internet to ensure access by children and adults to acceptable and appropriate information.

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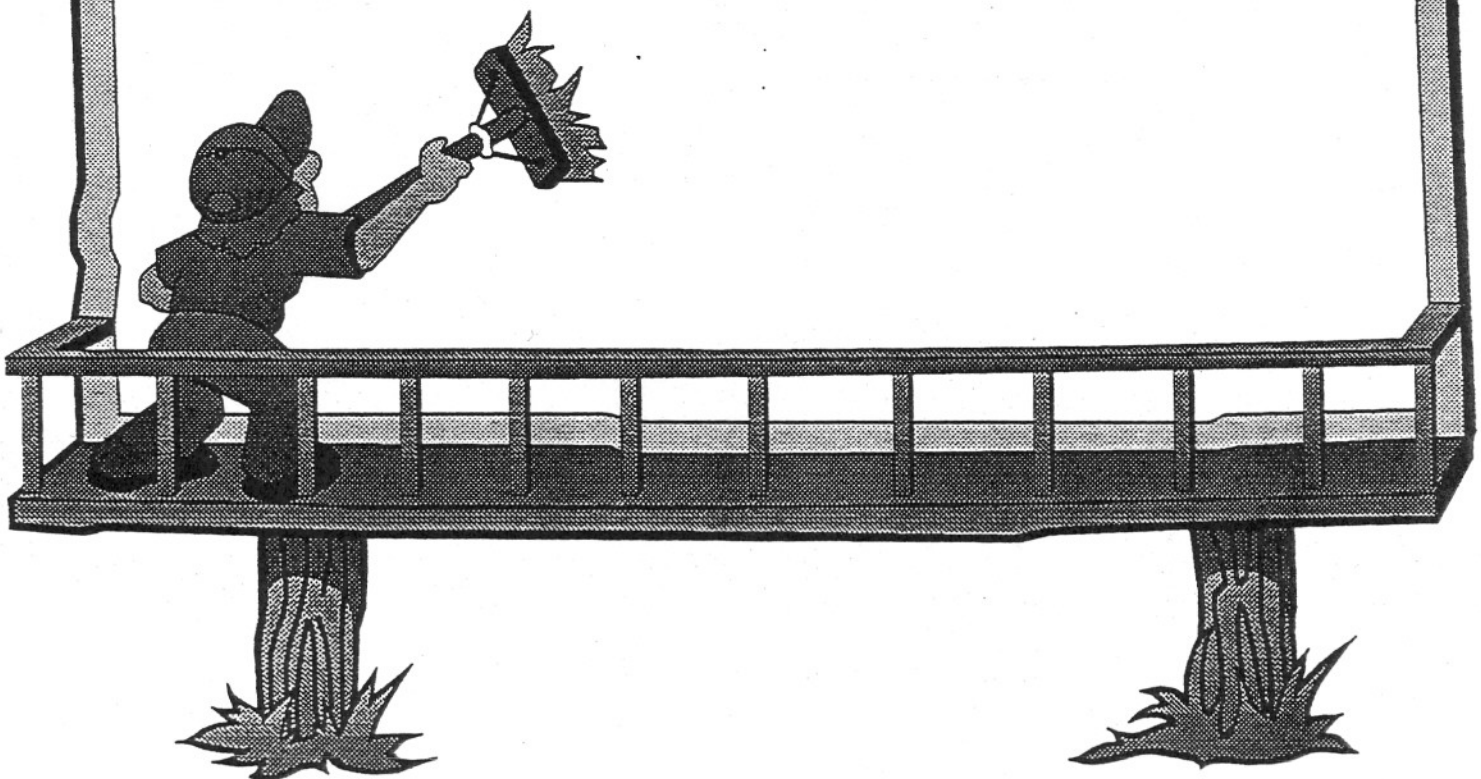
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HUMAN SERVICES HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Human Services Director, Lois Rider, M.S.W. who just passed her oral exams and has become a Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor by the Indian Health Services. Lois is also very close to receiving her certification as a Compulsive Gambling Counselor.

Michael Forsythe, Case Manager/Prevention Specialist, has begun working toward receiving his Compulsive Gambling Counselor and Prevention Specialist Certifications.

The Human Services Department is gearing up for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week began in 1985. In that year Special Agent Enrique Camarena of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration lost his life in the fight against drugs. Other Americans began to wear ribbons in his memory. That is how the red ribbon idea came about. Since then, every year millions of Americans wear red ribbons during the last week of October. It's sort of a pledge. If you put one on, it means you want America to be free of drugs and that you will do your part to make that happen. We at the Human Services

Department hope you will join us in wearing a red ribbon to show your support for a drug free community. There are several events planned for the reservation this year, we have included a schedule of these events in the newsletter and we encourage everyone to participate.

AIDS Does Not Discriminate

AIDS is a subject that makes people shy away, especially when young people are the ones with HIV and AIDS. People just need to get their facts straight. Anyone can get the HIV virus. It does not matter who you are, you can get it. AIDS has no race, sex, age, or economic barrier.

AIDS/HIV is a growing concern to all facets of the community. The rise in cases of AIDS is alarming especially in the Native American communities. Certain behaviors like substance abuse increases a persons chance at contracting AIDS. Most people lack the knowledge to deal with this virus. To better educate our community, we have compiled the following sources for testing and information. The Chitimacha Human Services Department has videos, pamphlets and other information available.

For ANONYMOUS and FREE testing with Pre and Post

Test Counseling:

St. Mary Parish Health Unit
828-0410

Franklin tests on Fridays
beginning at 9:00 a.m. and
Morgan City tests on Tuesdays
beginning at 1:00 p.m., no
appointment necessary.

Iberia Parish Health Unit
373-0021

Jeanerette tests on Tuesdays
beginning at 1:00 p.m. and
New Iberia tests on
Wednesdays beginning at 1:00
p.m..

Acadiana Cares
605 West St. Mary Boulevard
Suite 503
Lafayette, LA 70560
1-800-354-2437
234-3249

Acadiana Cares offers
anonymous and free testing,
pre and post test counseling,
and services to those who have
tested positive for HIV.

We would like to encourage
anyone who feels they need to
be tested and/or counseled or
knows someone who should be
tested to take advantage of the
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MEDIA SPECIALIST

SCOPE OF WORK: The Media Specialist will be responsible for the complete operation and maintenance of the library and computer system and assist the principal in expanding, implementing and coordinating library service activities associated with interactive instructional laser disc, Internet, E-mail, and interactive video systems.

REPORTS TO: Chitimacha Tribal School Principal

QUALIFICATIONS: Must possess a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with an additional Media Specialist Certification from a regionally accredited institution. A Master's Degree is preferable, but not necessary. Applicant must have five years of successful school experience, three years of which must have been during the five year period immediately preceding appointment to this position and certifications as a school librarian. Must possess a thorough understanding of library information systems, educational computer software and interactive laser discs, Internet and E-Mail functions.

**THIS IS A SENSITIVE POSITION DUE TO CLOSE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN.
A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION IS REQUIRED.**

***PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS.**

TO APPLY: Submit resume to the Personnel Officer before the close of business, (5:00 P.M.), Wednesday, October 11, 1995. Resumes may be submitted to the Tribal Office building or mailed to the address below.

"Media Specialist"
Personnel Officer
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Charenton, LA 70523

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If you were locked out of your house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep an unlocked window in the back, or a hidden key in your mailbox or on top of a window ledge?

You may think this is a good idea, but guess what? If you can break in, so can a burglar!

One out of six homes will be burglarized this year. For a small amount of time and money you can make your home more secure and reduce your chances of being a victim.

Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 seconds to try breaking into a home. Good locks — and good neighbors who watch out for each other — can be big deterrents to burglars.

CHECK THE LOCKS

Did you know that in almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows?

- Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock. Key-in-the-knob locks alone are not enough.
- Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. You can secure them by installing commercially available locks or putting a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door. To prevent the door being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the sliding door frame and the fixed frame. Then insert a pin in the hole.
- Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pin" windows by drilling a small hole into a 45° angle between the inner and outer frames, then insert a nail that can be removed. Secure basement windows with grilles or grates.
- Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust.
- When you move into a new house or apartment, rekey the locks.

CHECK THE DOORS

A lock on a flimsy door is about as effective as locking your car door but leaving the window down.

- All outside doors should be metal or solid wood.
- If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors so you can see who is outside

without opening the door. Door chains break easily and don't keep out intruders.

CHECK THE OUTSIDE

Look at your house from the outside. Make sure you know the following tips:

- Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night.
- Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window.
- Clearly display your house number so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- If you travel, create the illusion that you're at home by getting some timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house.
- Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions. And don't let your mail pile up! Call the post office to stop delivery or have a neighbor pick it up.
- Make a list of your valuables — VCRs, stereos, computers, jewelry. Take photos of the items, list their serial numbers and descriptions. Check with law enforcement about engraving your valuables through Operation Identification.



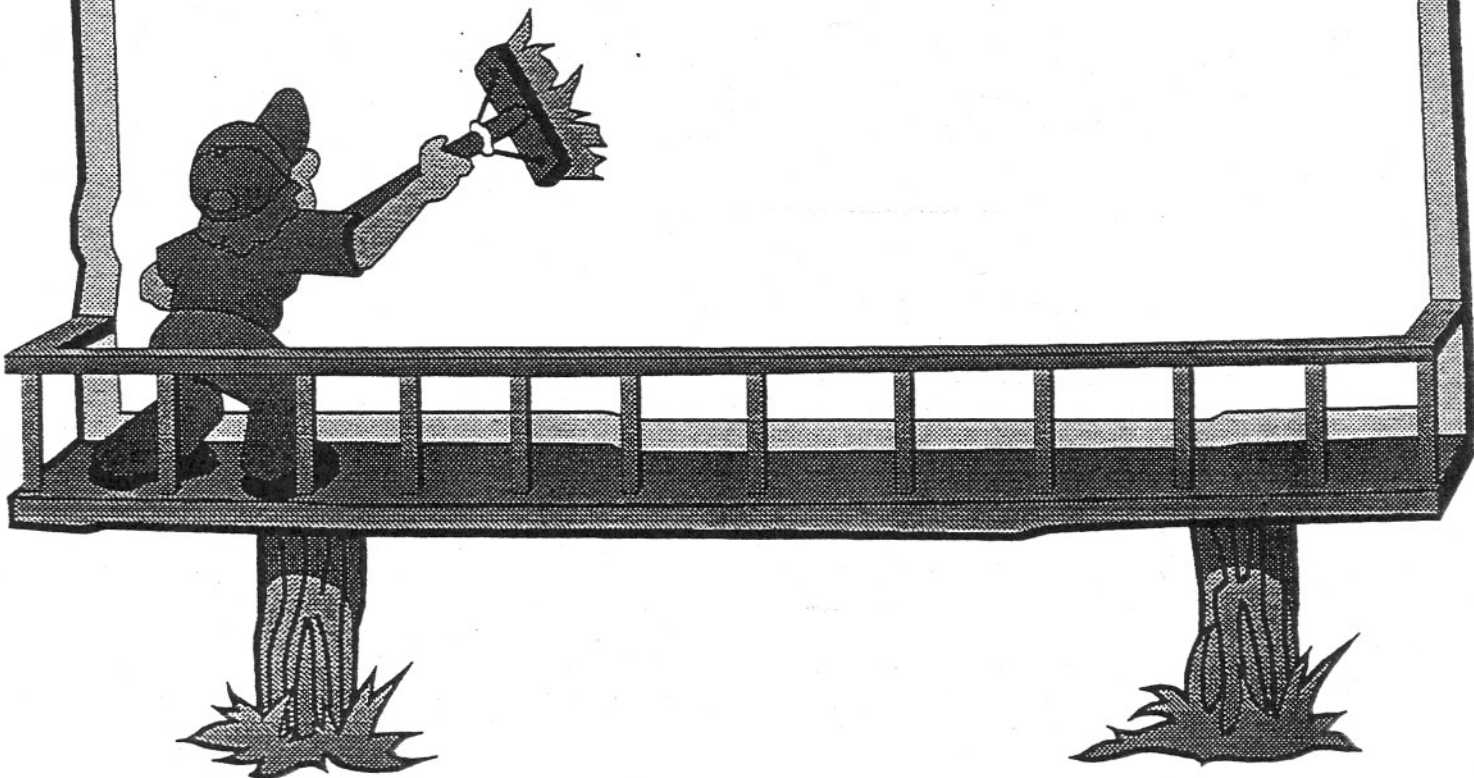
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- Ask local law enforcement for a free home security survey.

CONSIDER AN ALARM

Alarms can be a good investment, especially if you have many valuables in your home, or live in an isolated area or one with a history of break-ins.

- Check with several companies before you buy so you can decide what level of security fits your needs. Do business with an established company and check references before signing a contract.
- Learn how to use your system properly! Don't "cry wolf" by setting off false alarms. People will stop paying attention and you'll probably be fined.
- Some less expensive options...a sound-detecting socket that plugs into a light fixture and makes the light flash when it detects certain noises, motion sensing outdoor lights that turn on when someone approaches, or lights with photo cells that turn on when it's dark and off when it's light.

BURGLARS DO MORE THAN STEAL

Burglars can commit rapes, robberies, and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or pick a home that is occupied.

- If something looks questionable — a slit screen, a broken window or an open door — don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house or a public phone.
- At night, if you think you hear someone breaking in, leave safely if you can, then call police. If you can't leave, lock yourself in a room with a phone and call police. If an intruder is in your room, pretend you are asleep.

- Guns are responsible for many accidental deaths in the home every year. Think carefully before buying a gun. If you do own one, learn how to store it and use it safely.

THERE'S MORE YOU CAN DO

- Join a Neighborhood Watch group. If one doesn't exist, you can start one with help from local law enforcement.
- Never leave a message on your answering machine that indicates you may be away from home. Rather than saying "I'm not at home right now," say "I'm not available right now."
- Work with neighbors and local government to organize community clean-ups. The cleaner your neighborhood, the less attractive it is to crime.



Crime Prevention Tips From
National Crime Prevention Council
 1700 K Street, NW, Second Floor
 Washington, DC 20006-3817
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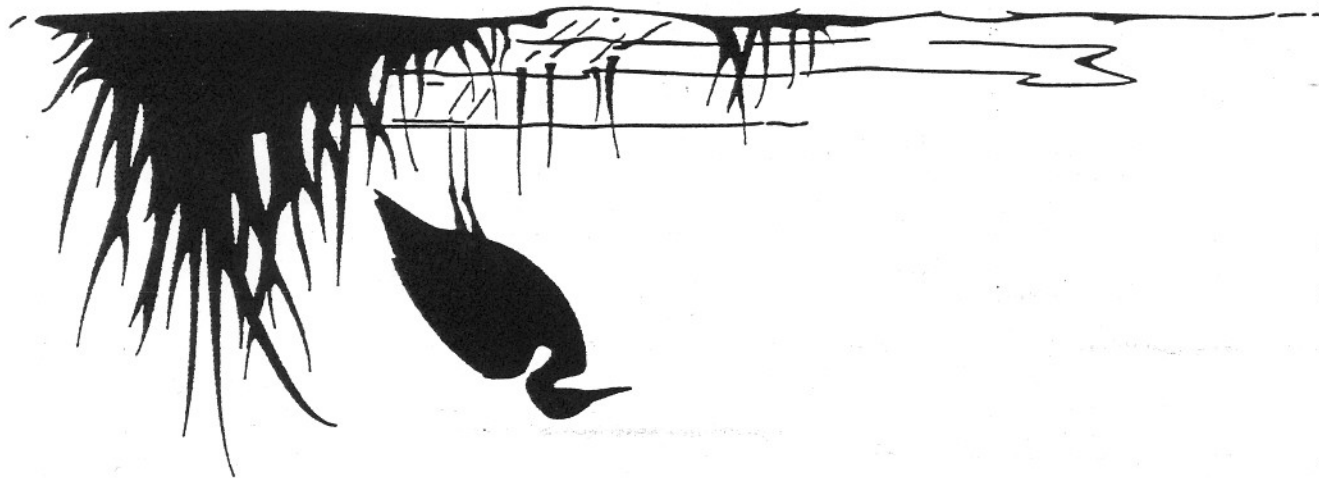


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